

TERM-2 EXAMINATION
CLASS :- 9th (2023-2024)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M 80

General Instructions:

The question paper has been divided into three sections:

Sections A: Reading. 20Marks
Sections B: Writing & Grammar 20Marks
Section C: Literature/Textbook 40Marks

- (1) All questions are compulsory.
- (2) Marks are Indicated against each question.

SECTION 'A': READINGS (20 marks)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:- (10 Marks)

1. The Road to Success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution-lights called family and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spark called determination, an engine called perseverance, Insurance called faith and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!
2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is the same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and a better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
4. 'Success' is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others. It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence, success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today, success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude, lie the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.
6. Success can be measured from two standpoints-the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

Short Answer Type Questions.

5 marks

- Give a suitable title for the passage
- In the passage, who/what have been compared to caution lights?
- What is/are certain to rise in our life?
- What is the key thing to realize?
- How do you work smarter?

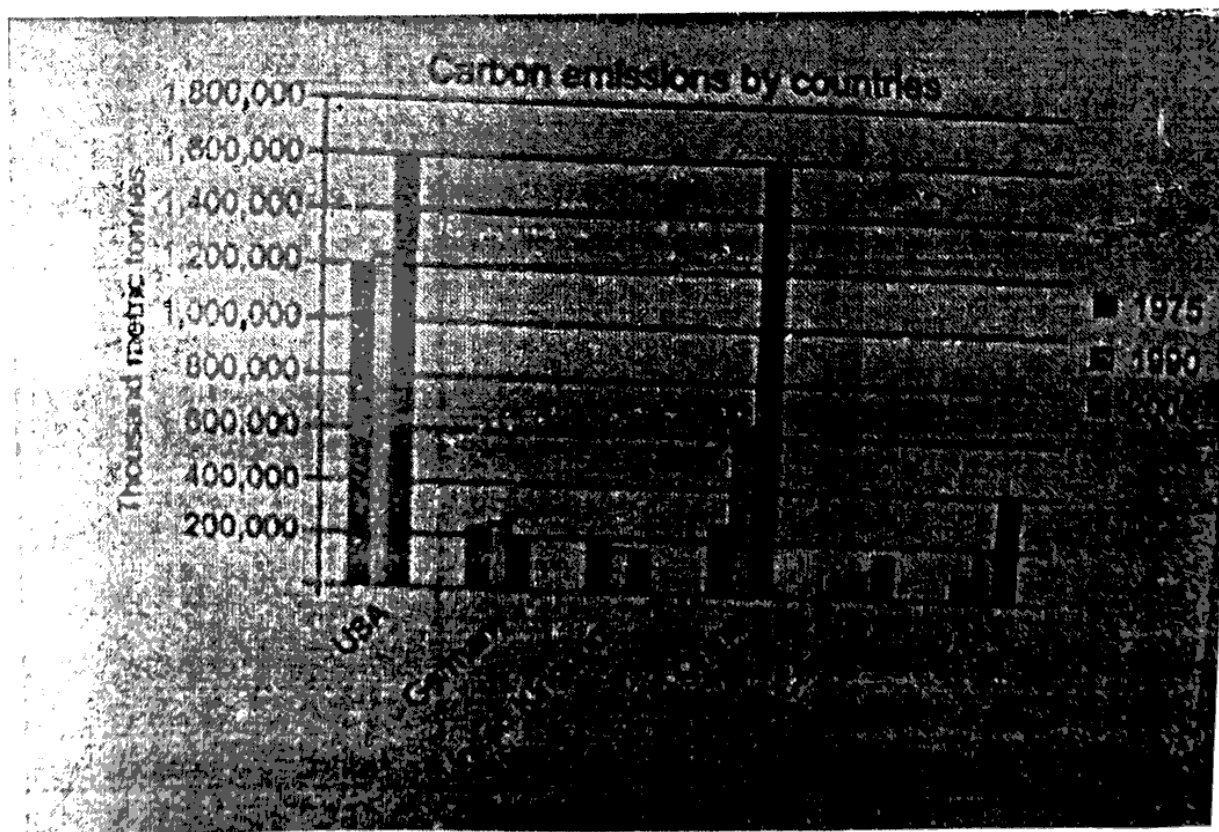
II. Objective Type Questions.

5 marks

- Friends have been compared to:
 - destination.
 - loops
 - Speed bumps.
 - caution lights
- The meaning of 'weather the storm' is:
 - a difficult situation
 - to face any challenge
 - to go out into the storm
 - an easy situation
- The synonym of 'victory' as used in the passage is
 - challenge
 - preparation
 - planning
 - triumph
- The antonym of 'commencement' is:
 - success
 - completion
 - achievement
 - recognition
- Success is a matter of:
 - chance
 - choice
 - luck
 - way to live

Q2. Read the passage given below:

1. The chart below gives information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years.



2. The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 to 2005.

As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and the United Kingdom managed to reduce their carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

3. The USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emission of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.

4. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

I. Short Answer Type Questions. 5marks

- (a) What is the passage about?
- (b) Which country is the most polluter country?
- (c) Which country contributed the most, in percentage increase, to carbon emissions in 2005?
- (d) What can be the main reason for the surging CO₂ emissions?
- (e) As per the graph, which country has the lowest CO₂ emissions?

II. Objective Type Questions. 5marks

(a) What is the meaning of the word 'emerging' as used in the passage?

- (i) Belligerent (ii) Developing (iii) Small (iv) poor

b) Which of the following had the minimum CO₂ emission in 1975?

- (i) China (ii) India (iii) The USA (iv) Germany

(c) What is the synonym of 'emission'?

- (i) Foam (ii) Smoke (iii) Discharge (iv) Carbon particles

(d) What is the meaning of 'polluter'?

- (i) One which grows (ii) One which develops
(iii) One which pollutes (iv) All of the above

(e) What is the synonym of 'surged'?

- (i) Went down fast (ii) Stayed at the same level (iii) Went up very fast (iv) None of the above

SECTION-B

(Writing and grammar). (20marks)

Q3 You are the Secretary of the Tour Organizing Committee of your school. Draft a notice inviting students to join a trip to Gir Forest. 5marks

OR

You are Nisha/Rohan. Today is your birthday and your father has gifted you a laptop. You are very happy to own it as you wanted to have for a long time. Before going to bed you intend to share your joy with your diary. Write a diary entry in 100-150 words expressing your feelings .

Q4. You were about to go to a radio event organized by a local radio station. But due to heavy traffic, you could not reach on time, despite leaving your home before time. Write about the situation, in about 100-120 words. You may write about how long you had to wait and how you felt about this.

5marks

Q5. The following have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it within the spaces given.

5marks

One morning, the King call
his minister and told them
that I wanted to measure the length
and the breadth from the earth.
He also feel the need to have the
clouds and the stars on the sky.

Q6. Choose the appropriate modal verb (can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will, would) to complete each sentence. Some sentences may have more than one correct answer.

5marks

1. I'm not sure if I _____ attend the party tomorrow.
2. She _____ speak three languages fluently.
3. _____ you please help me carry these bags?
4. It's getting late. We _____ leave now to catch the train.
5. You _____ call me if you need any assistance.

SECTION-C

(Literature /Textbooks:40 Marks)

Q7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1×5=5)

(BEEHIVE)

Intruder: Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

Gerard: Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

Intruder: That's better. Do people often come out here?

Gerard: Very rarely. Surprisingly few people take the trouble to visit me. There's the baker and the greengrocer, of course; and then there's the milkman-quite charming, but no one so interesting as yourself.

Intruder: I happen to know that you never see tradespeople.

Question 1: Where is the car of Gerrard ? (1)

- (a) In his office (b) In the garden (c) In the garage (d) outside the house

Question 2: Who comes to visit Gerrard generally?

- (a) The milkman (b) The greengrocer (c) The barber (d) All of them (1)

Question 3: How does the intruder threaten Gerrard?

- (a) He shows him his gun (b) He shows him his knife (1)
(c) He slaps him hard (d) He tells him that he will kill him

Question 4: How can you say that the intruder is a criminal?

- (a) He has lots of money in his bag (2)
(b) He has bloodshot eyes and his hands are stained with blood
(c) He is talking with Gerrard on gun point
(d) he is trying to hit Gerrard

OR

(MOMENTS)

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

KIND sir, have pity; turn your to a poor, hungry man! For three days I have had nothing to eat; I haven't five copecks for lodging, I swear it before God. For eight years I was a village and then I lost my place . I fell victim to calumny. It is a year now since I have had anything to do" The advocate, Sergel, looked at the ragged, of the suppliant, at his dull, eyes, at the red spot on either cheek, and it seemed to him as if he had seen this man somewhere before.

"I have now had an offer of a in Kaluga" the mendicant went on "but I haven't the money to get there . Help me kindly; I am ashamed to ask, but-I am obliged to by circumstances.

(a) Describe how the beggar appeared when Sergel met him. (2)

(b) "Obliged to by circumstances" concurs with which one of the following? (1)

- (i) Grateful to the situation
(ii) victim of a situation
(iii) Bound by the situation
(iv) Surrender to the situation

(c) The problem that 'I' DOES NOT face according to the passage is:. (1)

- (i) hunger
(ii) poverty
(iii) fulfilment
(iv) joblessness

(d) What request did the beggar make before Sergel? (1)

Q8. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:.

(1×5=5)

No,
The root is to be pulled out -
Out of the anchoring earth;
It is to be roped, tied,
And pulled out - snapped out
Or pulled out entirely,
Out from the earth-cave
(On killing a tree)

(a) (a) Why does the poet say 'No'? (1)

- (i) To emphasize not to cut the trees
- (ii) To emphasize the need for controlling the regrowth of the tree
- (iii) To emphasize that tree will not be killed with a knife
- (iv) None of these

(b) What is meant by 'anchoring earth'? (2)

(c) In the given stanza, what is the poet suggesting to do to kill the tree? (1)

(d) How does the earth give protection to the tree? (1)

- (i) It provides air and water to the tree.
- (ii) It provides food for the tree.
- (iii) It anchors the tree and keeps it firm.
- (iv) None of these

Q9. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:

(4×3=12)

1. How did the sight of a snake charmer leave the child spell-bound?
2. How did Lushoff start earning thirty five roubles every month?
3. Why did Tommy consider the book "a waste"?
4. Explain the line: 'The touch of earthly years' who would not feel the touch of earthly years?
5. Describe the lifestyle in Kalam's home.

Q10. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:.

(3×2=6)

1. Justify the title, 'A House Is not a home.'
2. What kind of life does the poet imagine in the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'.
3. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

Q11. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 100-120 words each:.

(6×2=12)

1. Compare and contrast the characters of the parents of Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova.
2. Give a character sketch of Lushoff.
3. How did Lucy's death affect the poet? What does it reveal about his attitude towards her?